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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Tenet Hospital Hearing

The Assembly Health Committee, Chaired by Assembly Member Dario Frommer, will hold an emergency hearing tomorrow, Wednesday, February 4, 2004, on the sale of Tenet hospitals. The hearing will examine Tenet's plan to sell 19 hospitals in California, including 14 in Los Angeles County and 4 in Orange County. A Tenet representative will discuss the planned sale. Testimony will also be provided by Attorney General Bill Lockyer; Dr. Thomas Garthwaite, Director of Department of Health Services; and Carol Gunter, Acting Director of the Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency. The hearing is set for 10:30 a.m. at the Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center, located at 6262 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys.

Pursuit of Position on Legislation

SJR 23 (Ashburn and Knight), as amended on January 29, 2004, would memorialize the Legislature's request to the Secretary of Defense to include "intellectual capital" and "total mission support" on the list of essential 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) evaluation criteria, and instructs the Secretary to the Senate to send copies of the resolution to the Governor, the President, the Congressional Leadership, the appropriate Congressional Committees, and the California Congressional delegation. Support for SJR 23 is consistent with the County's Federal Legislative Agenda, adopted by the Board on January 20, 2004, which opposes proposals that would result in

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downsizing and/or closure of the Los Angeles Air Force Base. **Therefore, the County's Sacramento Advocates will support passage of SJR 23.**

SJR 23 was introduced on September 8, 2003. It passed the Senate by a vote of 40 to 0 on September 10, 2003, and then amended on the Assembly Floor, and passed by a vote of 79 to 0 on January 29, 2004. SJR 23 is currently awaiting concurrence in the Senate. According to an Assembly Committee on Local Government staff report published on January 22, 2004, there is no support or opposition on file.

Status of County-Interest Legislation

County-supported AB 340 (Frommer), which would make it illegal to sell, offer for sale, buy, possess, manufacture, or distribute a device capable of sending a signal that interrupts or changes the sequence of a traffic signal, passed the Assembly on a vote of 79 to 0 on January 29, 2004. It now proceeds to the Senate.

We will continue to keep you informed.

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